Disclosure of JFK assassination records; Dallas police; "Tramp" pictures 2/10/92

Gus Russo phoned me from Baltimore last night to report, excitedly, that among the records already found among those disclosed by the Dallas police (@20¢ per page) is proof that those called the tramps were arrested (by Captain Fritz or with his assent) and held for three days and then released.

He said that Mary Ferrell is doing most of the work, along with Dave Perry. From what Russo said it is apparent that these three men, whose idenitties are included in the records, could have had and had no connection with the assassination.

If the records indicate why the men were arrested and why they were held Russo did not say.

These records did not surface when Garrison was making allegations based on the pictures, along with Mark Lane and others, and I believe that Fritz was then still alive.

They were not sought in the FBI's investigation triggered by my giving it these pictures along with a sketch of the alleged King assassin although the FBI did interview those who were escorting the men past the TSBD.

When Henry Wade reported the results of the investigation he had his detective(s) make for me in 11/68 he made no reference to any records of any arrests so I presume it did not include any search for these records because what was learned without them was regarded as sufficient. It was 100% confirmed by the separate and independent investigation made for me by Paul Rothermel, Jr., then H.L.Hunt's chief of security.

I can see Olover Stone boasting that the men were, too, arrested, as he'd said. But that they could have had no connection with the assassination or honestly be used as he and Garrison sued them he'll not say and that does confirm what I'd said and that is basic. (I'd assumed that they'd not been arrested because there was no record of any arrests and that they'd been turned loose after they were sober. Recently, and I cannot recall where, I found a contemporaneous record reflecting that those men were very drunk.)

If I remember correctly Russo said either than the men were turned over to the FBI or that it was informed. Either way the FBI did not include this information in its 1968 investigation and it is not in the FBI's disclosed records, including those of the Dallas office.

If whatever Fritz did that served to inform the FBI had any connection with any assassination investigation, that should have been in the main assassination file and isn't.

As soon as I read of the Dalls decision to disclose these records I wrote Henry Wade asking him to get them for me. I've had no response. Perhaps there has not been time for any yet or it could be in the mail,